

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figures 1-4 have been descriptively labeled as requested by the Examiner.

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the Information Disclosure Statement. In Response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005, Applicant has amended the drawings by adding descriptive labels to the system components. Additionally, Applicant have amended the title to include reference to a remote device. Finally, the Applicant has corrected the various informalities in the claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13, 17 and 21. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections set forth by the Examiner. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly define the invention. Specifically, the claims recite transmitting information and receiving information via a wireless connection simultaneously to and from a plurality of hand-held devices and indicating availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG simultaneously at said plurality of hand-held devices. This is simply different than present systems which provide a single apparatus which may be used as a remote.

Sorensen, U.S. Patent No. 6,628,729, is directed to a portable data storage device which receives and stores data from a receiver. Col. 1, lines 7-10. Sorensen discloses that a digital receiver such as a digital TV receives digital broadcast signal and separates the data from the signal. Col. 1, lines 50-67. Thereafter, a portable storage device such as a personal digital assistant (PDA) receives the data from the digital receiver and stores the same in its memory. Col. 1, lines 61-67. The data may comprise TV commercial, internet data such as a uniform resource locator (URL), or data for generating a coupon. Col. 1, 30-40; Col. 2, lines 61-66. Sorensen provides that after the PDA stores the data, a tone, a beep, a light emitting diode flash, or other form of alert may be generated to alert the user that the data has been stored. Col. 3,

lines 22-36. Sorensen further discloses that when internet content is detected by a TV controller, it may provide a prompt to the user via a signal transmitted to the PDA in order to initiate local prompt by the PDA. Col. 3, lines 47-54. However, this is simply different from the presently claimed invention which is capable of simultaneously communicating with a plurality of hand-held devices. Furthermore, Sorensen merely teach prompting a user when data such as a TV commercial, internet data, specifically a URL, or data for generating a coupon is provided. On the other hand, Applicant's presently claimed invention provides an indication of an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG. Sorensen neither teaches nor suggests the presently claimed invention.

In addition, Huang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,437,836, teaches about an extended functionality remote control (EFRC) which is a hardware/software implementation of an integrated interface for remote control emulation on a PDA or other portable computing device. Col. 3, lines 56-61. The EFRC merges information services such as electronic program guide (EPG) into the remote control device such as the PDA. Col. 3, lines 61-65. Specifically, Huang et al. discloses an add-on device to a PDA which exchanges data with application software on the PDA via a serial communications link. Col. 5, lines 26-30. The EPG is downloaded from the internet using the PDA. Col. 5, lines 22-26. The graphical representation of the control functions on the PDA take two primary forms: remote control emulation or EPG. Col. 7, lines 36-42. Although Huang et al. discloses using an EPG, it simply does not teach or suggest simultaneously communicating with a plurality of hand-held devices and providing indications of availability of an interactive functions at the plurality of devices.

Finally, Elliott, U.S. Patent No. 6,473,097, is directed to an IP intranet functionality in a Mobile Switching Center for supporting wireless data and multimedia services that is introduced

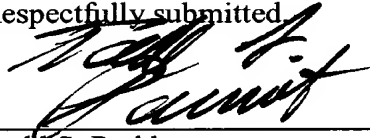
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between a multimedia device and the internet. Col. 4, lines 48-52. Elliott is an inapposite prior art because it is directed to a field of endeavor different from the presently claimed invention. Elliott neither teaches nor suggests using a web enabled phone to make EPG selections.

The references of record fail to teach or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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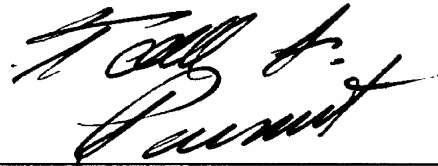
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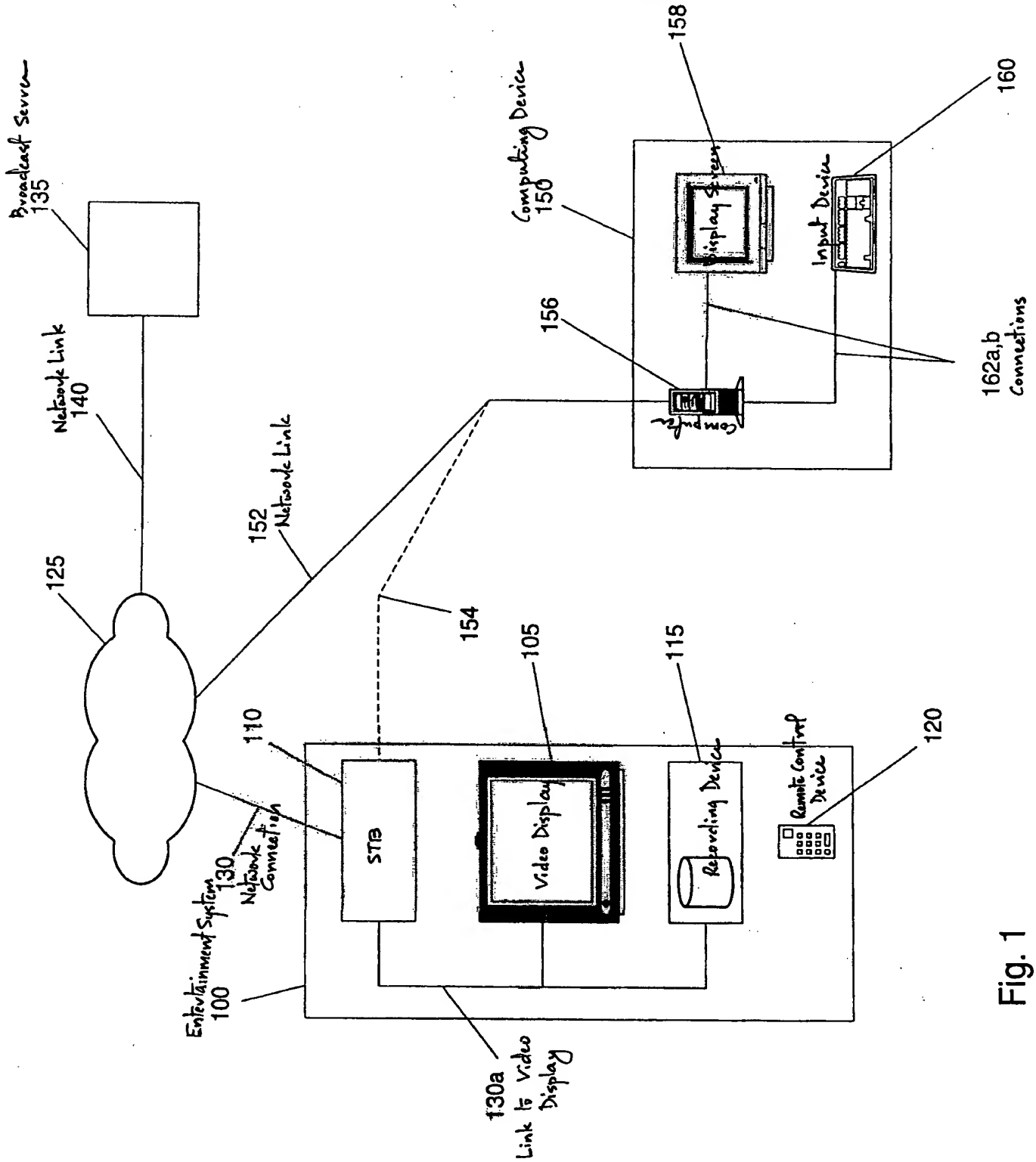


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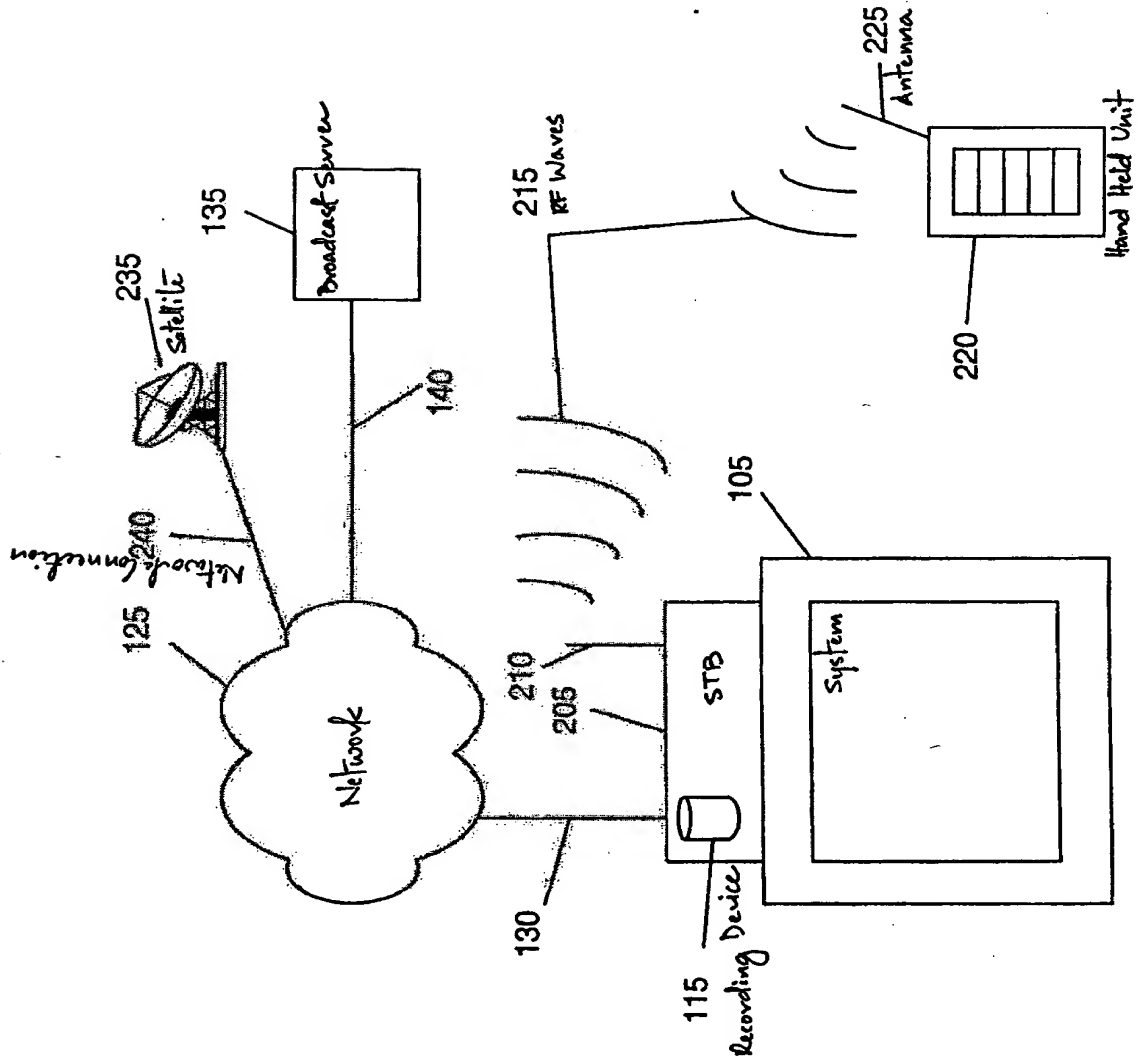


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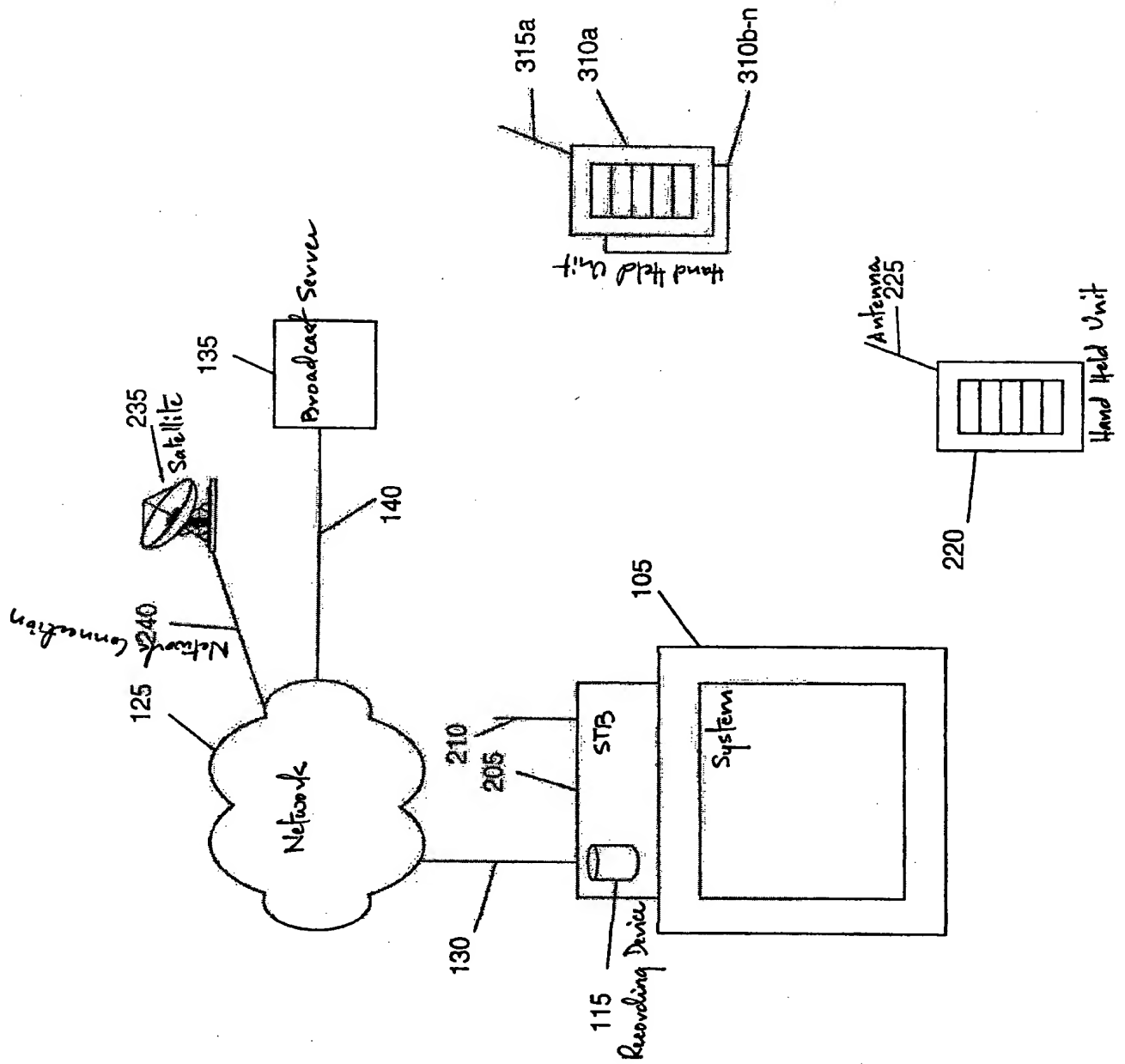


Fig. 3

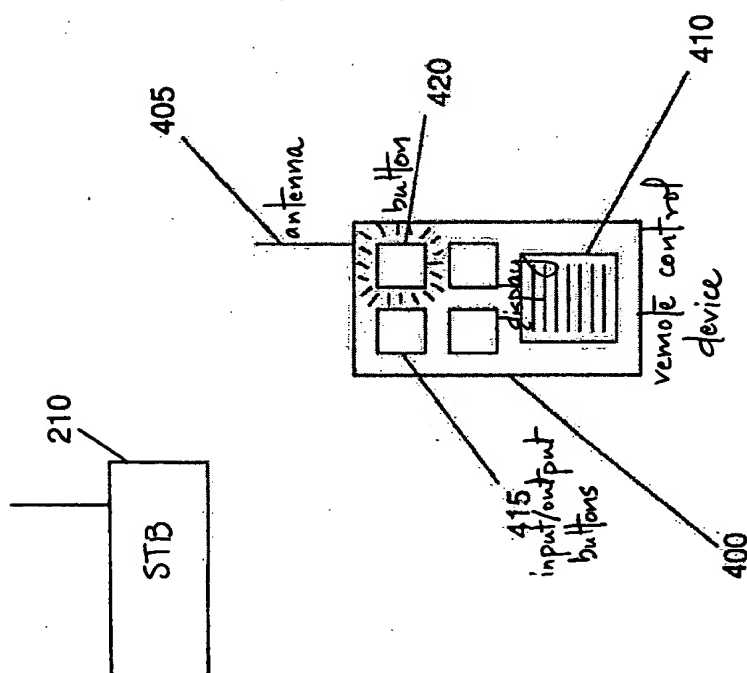


Fig. 4